

Minutes of the Amherst Public Arts Commission, May 18, 2011

Town Room, second floor in the Amherst Town Hall

Present: Terry Rooney (Chair), Diane Westfall, Rachel Hankinson, Bonnie Isman, Rosario Gaddier

Absent: Trish Smallman, Randa Nachbar

The **minutes** for the meeting of May 5, 2010 were approved unanimously, as amended.

Request for funds. APAC has received a request from Youth Action Coalition (YAC) to support construction of a mural on the Amherst Cinema building. Discussion followed regarding the need for review of the condition of the public art installations in Amherst. Diane reported that there is a balance of \$202.16 on hand in the APAC account. **Terry moved that APAC contribute \$50.00 to support the YAC mural project, to be accompanied by a letter advising them of the Commission's intention to review all public art installations. Seconded by Diane. All voted in favor and none opposed.** Bonnie was asked to draft a cover letter for group review. Terry will contact Town Accounting regarding payment.

Workshop plans. Rachel distributed an outline of costs for supplies for two possible art workshops: \$199.03 to create tie-dyed umbrellas (late July) and \$171.59 to create paper lanterns (October 1). The workshops would appeal to families and accommodate up to 25 participants. Rachel will donate her time pro bono (\$300/day.) **Terry moved that APAC sponsor the paper lantern workshop in October and adopt a budget of \$171.59 to be funded with donated materials, student donations, and available funds. Rachel seconded. All voted in favor and none opposed.** Rosario offered to work with Rachel on publicity photographs for the workshop.

ACTV/Amherst Media. Rachel and Bonnie are exploring programming opportunities with ACTV/Amherst Media. Rosario can provide video camera and crew from his arts studio in Holyoke for artist interviews and documentation of exhibits.

Terry will attend a cultural development conference at Mass MOCA on May 22.

Adjourned 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by Bonnie Isman

Next meeting—to be announced